

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--The invention is directed to a lockable ashtray that comprises a cover defining at least one aperture therein, and a hinge connecting the cover to a lower section. The cover is reversibly locked to the lower section. A tray for holding cigarette butts is located out of sight beneath the hinged cover. The at least one aperture has a diameter or width sufficiently small to hinder an adult or child intent on removing cigarette butts from the ashtray. In another embodiment the cover defining at least one aperture is attached to a cylinder shaped vessel having an inner lining defining an internal cavity at least partly filled with a bottom layer of immobile material and an upper layer of the ~~non-~~inflammable inflammable material.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

--Still referring to Fig. 1, an adult smoker 140 is shown discarding a cigarette butt 160 into the lockable ashtray 100. The lockable ashtray 100 comprises a dome shaped cover member 180 and a butt collection tray 200 hidden from general view beneath the dome shaped cover 180. The dome shaped cover member 180 is substantially hemi-spherical, as seen in Figs. 1-4B. Also, it is remarkable that the illustrated substantially hemi-spherical dome shaped cover member 180 has a substantially planar upper surface in the embodiment of Figs. 3A and 3B. The dome shaped cover member 180 defines at least one aperture 220 and an inner chamber 225 (see Fig. 2A). The cigarette butts 160 are dropped through the at least one aperture 220 and fall through the inner

chamber 225 to land on the tray 200; the tray 200 is located out of sight beneath the dome shaped cover 180.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 2A is a side view of the lockable ashtray 100 and trashcan 120 combination of Fig. 1. The tray 200 comprises a pan 260 that is optionally at least partly filled with a ~~non-inflammable~~ inflammable material 280 such as sand. The discarded cigarette butts 160 are dropped onto the ~~non-inflammable~~ inflammable material 280 via the at least one aperture 220. The dome shaped cover member 180 is hinged to a lower section member 300. The lower section member 300 defines an interior volume 320. The tray 200 is located beneath the dome shaped cover member 180 and inside the interior volume 320. A hinge 340 allows the dome shaped cover member 180 to be moved between a closed position 360 and an open position 380 (see Fig. 2B). A key 435 operates a recessed lock 400 that reversibly locks the dome shaped cover member 180 to the lower section 300. The lower section 300 further comprises an interface member 420, such as a chain, that connects the lower section 300 to the optional trashcan 120.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23 through page 10, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 5A shows a section view of a still further embodiment of the invention in which the lockable ashtray (shown as "100c") comprises a cone shaped cover 180b defining the at least one aperture 220 of circular dimensions with a diameter between about 0.5 inches and two inches (i.e.,

between about 0.5" and 2"), and more preferably a diameter of about one inch (i.e., about 1"). The lockable ashtray 100c further comprises a cylinder shaped vessel 660 having an inner lining 680 defining an internal cavity 700 at least partly filled with a bottom layer of immobile material 720, such as cured concrete, and an upper layer of the ~~non-inflammable~~ inflammable material 280b such as sand which may be removed or replaced. The combination of the bottom layer 720 and upper layer 280b serve as a butt collection tray that is hidden from view. Cigarette butts 160 are dropped through the at least one aperture 220 and land on the layer of ~~non-inflammable~~ inflammable material 280b. The cigarette butts 160 may be removed periodically by unlocking the lock 400 and opening the coned shaped cover 180b. Fig. 5B shows a top view of the lockable ashtray 100c of Fig. 5A.--